GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Coordination with States on Farmersâ€™ Problem
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any inspection/survey on the problems faced by agriculture sector and the farmers and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has established any coordination with the State Governments for addressing the major/ complicated problems emerging in the field of agriculture and the farming sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to provide high quality seeds to the lower category farmers at subsidised rates or fair prices and if so,the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): With a view to have a comprehensive assessment of the situation of farmers in the country Government conducts "Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers" from time to time. The Survey was last conducted by the NSSO during its 70th Round (January, 2013 to December, 2013). The Survey collected information on various aspects of farming and other socio-economic characteristics of agricultural households, viz., income and productive assets, consumer expenditure, indebtedness, farming practices and preferences, resource availability, awareness of technological developments and access to modern technology in the field of agriculture, information on crop loss, crop insurance, etc.

(b): Agriculture is a state subject and primary responsibility of the State Governments. Union Government supplements their efforts through implementation of schemes/ programmes on issues being faced by the agriculture sector.

In order to suggest measures for reinvigorating agriculture in the country, a Task Force on Agricultural Development has been constituted by the NITI Aayog. The Task Force was, inter alia, assigned the responsibility of coordinating with the State and UTs Task Forces and Central Ministries.

(c) & (d): Government provides assistance/subsidy for seed production and seed distribution under various existing schemes/ programmes implemented by the States to provide high quality seeds to farmers, including small and marginal farmers.

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